CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	1554388690636.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900418.038
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	30 August 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	30 August 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It depicts a man engaging a young girl in sex. It is clearly intended to arouse those with a sexual interest in young children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting young children as sexually available. The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 be banned. It also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation.